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METHODS OF FORMING MONOLAYERS OF PHAGE-DERIVED
PRODUCTS AND USES THEREOF

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Examiner: Melanie J. Yu

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

This is in response to the Office Action dated March 9, 2005, in which the Examiner has required restriction between Group I, namely Claims 1-2 ("drawn to a method for forming a monolayer"); Group II, namely Claims 6-10 ("drawn to a method for evaluating the affinity of one or more ligands"); Group III, namely Claim 3 ("drawn to a monolayer"); Group IV, namely Claims 4 and 5 ("drawn to a LB film"); Group V, namely Claim 11 ("drawn to a stripped phage ligand sensor device"); Group VI, namely Claims 12 and 13 ("drawn to a stripped phage ligand sensor device comprising a binding element"); and Group VII, namely Claims 14-20 ("drawn to a method for analyzing a ligand). Applicants hereby provisionally elect with traverse to prosecute the claims of Group III (Claim 3) and expressly reserve the right to file divisional applications or take such other appropriate measures deemed necessary to protect the inventions in the remaining claims.

Should the Examiner have further questions or comments with respect to examination of this case, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner telephone the undersigned so that further examination of this application can be expedited.

It is not believed that extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required, beyond those, which may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, in the event that additional extensions of time are necessary to allow consideration of this paper, such extensions are hereby petitioned under 37 CFR § 1.136(a), and any fee required

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Respectfully submitted,

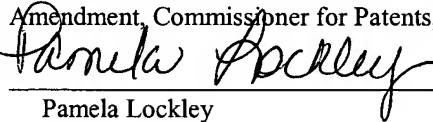


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